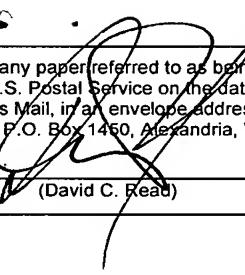




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Dear Sir:

Applicants note that, in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner provides a long and detailed explanation regarding the fact that both claimed and non-claimed elements are not present in the prior art. While Applicants do not disagree with the Examiner's statements to this effect, Applicants wish to note that each of the allowed claims of this application should be interpreted to only include the actual elements recited therein, and not to include any non-recited elements based on the Examiner's statements. If the Examiner disagrees that any claim, as currently written, is not allowable based only on the elements specifically recited in this claim, Applicants request the Examiner to withdraw this case from allowance and issue a new Office Action providing a specific reason for the rejection of such a claim.

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